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1. SUMMARY: THE EC STATISTICAL OFFICE IN LUXEMBOURG RECENTLY
PUBLISHED STATISTICS ON 1977 PRODUCTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
IN THE COMMUNITY. FRUIT PRODUCTION WAS UNUSUALLY LOW AT 15.1
MILLION METRIC TONS, WHILE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION WAS THE HIGHEST
EVER RECORDED IN THE COMMUNITY, 23.7 MILLION M.T. END SUMMARY.

2. FRUIT PRODUCTION: ACCORDING TO THE LUXEMBOURG STATISTICAL
OFFICE, EC FRUIT PRODUCTION WAS VERY LOW IN 1977 DUE PRIMARILY
TO UNFAVORABLE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER.
TOTAL PRODUCTION AMOUNTED TO 15.1 MILLION METRIC TONS IN COM-
PARISON TO 18.3 MILLION TONS IN 1976 AND AN AVERAGE OF 17.7
MILLION TONS DURING 1972-1976. THE SHORTFALL IN PRODUCTION
OF APPLES, PEARS, PEACHES, C., OCCURRED IN VIRTUALLY ALL
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EC MEMBER STATES. THE ITALIAN CITRUS CROP, INITIALLY FORECAST
AT 3.1 MILLION TONS, REACHED A LEVEL OF ONLY 2.8 MILLION TONS.

3. TABLE OF THE FRUIT PRODUCTION FOLLOWS:

COMMODITY	AVERAGE	1977	RELATIVE TO
	1972-76	1976	AVG. 72-76 1976

(PERCENT)
(1,000 METRIC TONS)

APPLES	6 690	6 500	5 100	- 24	- 22
PEARS	2 560	2 670	2 000	- 22	- 25
NUTS	430	470	450	5	- 4
ORANGES	1 680	1 910	1 650	- 2	- 14
MANDARINS	345	390	370	7	- 5
LEMONS	780	790	810	4	3
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GRAPES	1 030	965	930	- 10	- 4

4. VEGETABLE PRODUCTION: 1977 VEGETABLE PRODUCTION S
RECORDED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL ER IN THE COMMUNITY, ACCORD-
ING TO THE LUXEMBOURG STATISTICAL OFFICE. THE INCREASED
PRODUCTION IS ATTRIBUTED TO EXTREMELY FAVORABLE WEATHER
CONDITIONS ALONG WITH AN INCREASE IN AREAS CULTIVATED. THE
1977 VETABLE CROP TOTALED 23.7 MILLION M.T., COMPARED
WITH 21.3 MILLION M.T. IN 1976 AND AN AVERAGE OF 22.6
MILLION TONS DURING 1972-1976. PRODUCTION S UP BY MORE
THAN 40 PERCENT (1.2 MILLION NS) IN THE U.K.; 20 PERCENT
(200,000 M.T.) IN GERMANY, AND BY APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT
(300,000 M.T.) IN THE NETHERLANDS. PRODUCTION INCREASES
IN FRANCE AND ITALY, HOWEVER, WERE LESS SIGNIFICANT --
6 PERCENT (200,000 M.T.) AND 2 PERCENT (200,000 M.T.)
RESPECTIVELY.

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5. A BREAKDOWN OF THE COMMUNITY'S 1977 VEGETABLE PRODUC-
TION FOLLOWS:

COMMODITY	AVG. 1972-76	1976	1977	1977 RELATIVE TO AVG. 1972-1976	1976
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(PERCENT)
(1,000 METRIC TONS)

CAULIFLOWERS	1 540	1 410	1 405	- 9	0
CABBAGES	2 560	2 310	2 785	9	21
CELERIAC					
AND CELERY	450	415	480	7	15
LTUCE	1 130	1 060	1 155	2	9
ENDIVE	440	430	405	- 8	- 6
GLOBE					
ARTICHOKES	820	775	740	- 10	- 5
TOMATOES	4 550	4 300	4 600	1	7
CUCUMBERS,					
GHERKINS	720	690	740	3	7
CARROTS	1 680	1 540	2 085	24	35
ONIONS	1 240	1 180	1 510	22	28
PEAS	640	470	705	10	50

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